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Please amend the above-identified continuation application, which is being filed concurrently herewith, as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, line 4 (between the title and the first line of text), add the following:

--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

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--This application is a continuation of U.S. patent application Serial No. 09/142,301 filed September 4, 1998, <sup>now U.S. Patent No. 6,375,767</sup> as the U.S. national stage of international application No. PCT/GB97/01040 filed April 15, 1997.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Add the following claims:

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--9. A method of producing a population of aluminum alloy billets comprising performing more than one cast of metal from a body of molten metal comprising virgin metal and recycled scrap wherein said body has a composition within a specification such